

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2023-388-E

In the Matter of:

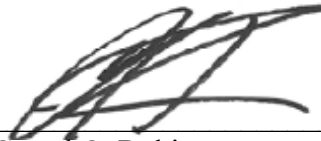
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Application
for Authority to Adjust and Increase its
Electric Rates and Charges

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MOTION FOR ADMISSION
PRO HAC VICE

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully moves the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") to permit Kristin M. Athens to practice *pro hac vice* before the Commission in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to Rule 404 of the South Carolina Appellate court rules, Ms. Athens has filed a Verified Application for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* with the South Carolina Supreme Court Office of Bar Admissions. A copy of her Application, as filed with the Supreme Court, is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted this the 22nd day of January, 2024.



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January 18, 2024

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

South Carolina Supreme Court
Office of Bar Admissions
Supreme Court Building
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: **Verified Application for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* for Kristin M. Athens
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Authority to Adjust and
Increase its Electric Rates and Charges
Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docket No. 2023-388-E**

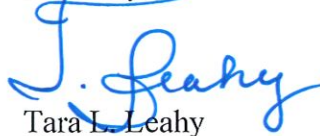
To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Rule 404 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, enclosed are Kristin M. Athens' Verified Application for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission, a Certificate of Good Standing from the North Carolina Supreme Court, and a firm check in the amount of \$250.00 for the admission fee.

Local counsel is simultaneously filing a Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* and a copy of the application in the above-referenced docket and serving copies of the same on all parties of record.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Tara L. Leahy

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Enclosures

Cc: Kristin M. Athens (via e-mail)
Camal O. Robinson (via e-mail)
Ashley J. Cooper (via e-mail)

Supreme Court OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



I, Grant E. Buckner, Clerk of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, do hereby certify that on August 28, 2017, license to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the Courts of this State was issued by the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners to

Kristin Maria Athens

according to the certified list of licentiates reported by the Secretary of said Board and filed in my office as required by statute.

To the date of this certificate, no order revoking said license has been filed with this Court and no order suspending same is in effect.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the Supreme Court of North Carolina at office in Raleigh, this January 17, 2024.



A handwritten signature of Grant E. Buckner in black ink.

Grant E. Buckner
Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the State of North Carolina

**VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE*
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

<u>Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC</u> Plaintiff	<u>2023-388-E</u> Case No.	<u>Public Service Commission of South Carolina</u> Tribunal
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vs.

<u>N/A</u> Defendant	Mailing Address of Tribunal:	<u>101 Executive Center Drive</u> <u>Suite 100</u> <u>Columbia, South Carolina 29210</u>
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Comes now Kristin M. Athens, applicant herein, and respectfully represents the following:

1. Applicant resides at:

[REDACTED]

Street Address

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED] County [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]

919-961-7699

Telephone

2. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices law under the name of) McGuireWoods LLP, with offices at 501 Fayetteville Street, Suite 500

Street Address

<u>Raleigh</u>	<u>Wake</u>	<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>27610</u>
City	County	State	Zip Code
<u>919-835-5909</u>	<u>919-961-7699</u>	<u>919-755-6564</u>	<u>kathens@mcguirewoods.com</u>
Primary Telephone	Cell Phone	Fax Number	Email Address

3. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above-named law firm by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to provide legal representation in connection with the above case now pending before the above-named tribunal of the State of South Carolina.

4. Since August of 2017, applicant has been, and presently is, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of North Carolina where applicant regularly practices law. Attached is a certificate of good standing dated within the last 90 days from the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State where applicant regularly practices law.

5. Applicant has been admitted to practice before the following courts: (List all of the following courts applicant has been admitted to practice before: United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and courts of other states or the District of Columbia.)

Court:	Date Admitted:
North Carolina District, Appellate and Supreme Courts	August 28, 2017

Court:	Date Admitted:

Applicant is presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above, except as listed below: (List any court named in the preceding paragraph that applicant is no longer admitted to practice before.)

N/A

6. Applicant presently is not subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, and has not been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., jurisdiction, court date):

N/A

7. Applicant never has had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation):

N/A

8. Applicant never has had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any court or administrative body suspended or revoked, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., date, court, administrative body, date of suspension and reinstatement):

N/A

9. Local counsel of record associated with applicant in this case is J. Ashley Cooper
of the Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC law firm, which has offices at:

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Charleston Charleston South Carolina 29403
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Primary Telephone Cell Phone Fax Number Email Address
13485
South Carolina Bar Number

10. Applicant has previously filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in the following South Carolina cases (give case name and status of litigation, date of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted).

- (1) Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Petition for Review and Approval of Storm Recovery Principal Costs Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-1110, before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in Docket No.: 2022-256-E. A final order was issued by the Commission in this docket. Ms. Athens' Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice was filed in August of 2022 in this docket. Local counsel of record was J. Ashley Cooper. The Application was granted.

(2) Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Petition for a Storm Securitization Financing Order ("Phase II"), before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in Docket No.: 2023-89-E. A final order was issued by the Commission in this docket. Ms. Athens' Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice was filed in June of 2023 in this docket. Local counsel of record was J. Ashley Cooper. The Application was granted.

11. Applicant agrees to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and will familiarize him/herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct. Applicant consents to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

12. Applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the above-named tribunal for this case only.

DATED this 18th day of January, 20 24


APPLICANT

VERIFICATIONSTATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)COUNTY OF WAKE)

I, Kristin M. Athens, do hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the applicant in the above-styled matter; that I have read the foregoing application and know the contents thereof; and that the contents are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true. I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application until the tribunal has ruled on the motion for admission pro hac vice. Further, if the motion is granted, I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application as long as I continue to appear pro hac vice in the action or proceeding. Any updated information shall be provided to both the tribunal that granted the motion and to the tribunal in which the action or proceeding may then be pending.

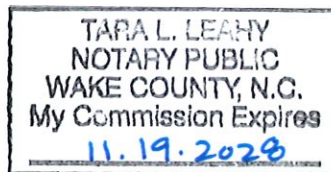
Kristin Athens
APPLICANT/AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January, 20 24

Tara L. Leahy

Notary Public for the State of North Carolina

My Commission Expires: 11.19.2028

**LOCAL COUNSEL CONSENT**

I hereby consent, as local counsel of record, to the association of applicant in this cause pursuant to Rules Governing Admission *Pro Hac Vice* to the South Carolina Bar.

DATED this 18th day of January, 20 4

J. Ashley Cooper
LOCAL COUNSEL OF RECORD

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this application upon the South Carolina Supreme Court by mail addressed to: South Carolina Supreme Court Office of Bar Admissions, PO Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211, accompanied by payment of the \$250 filing fee payable to the South Carolina Supreme Court on this 18th day of January, 20 24

Kristin Athens
APPLICANT/AFFIANT